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In re Application of:
Thierry BLANCHE et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LOCATING LOCALIZING..

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

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[] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) is found in the attached search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules;
1135 OG 13 at 20).
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Respectfully submitted,

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